

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Confirmation No. 9733

SCOTT, Wesley et al

Art Unit: 3725

Appl. No. 10/615,704

Atty Docket: 2189-P03242US00

Filed: 07/09/03


ATTN: ROXANNE RAWLS

For: **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR  
BENDING STRIP MATERIAL TO  
CREATE CUTTING DIES**

**CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION**

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**Petition under 37 CFR §1.47 Requesting acceptance of an application without  
the Declaration of one of the four named inventors**

The undersigned attorney hereby petitions that the above-identified patent application be accepted without the declaration of Michael Burtch.

1. Michael Burtch, along with three other inventors are co-inventors of the subject matter described and claimed in an application for Letters Patent, Serial No. 10/615,704 filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on July 9, 2003 for an invention entitled: "System and Method for Bending Strip Material to Create Cutting Dies"
2. At the time of filing of the above-identified application, Michael Burtch had left the employ of applicants' employer, and was not available to execute the application.
3. Applicants' Canadian Legal Counsel, Christopher Geffrus, made every effort to contact Michael Burtch, as evidenced by the Statement of Facts, attached hereto as Exhibit A, but was unable to contact Mr. Burtch.

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4. It is therefore requested that this Petition be granted, and that the application proceed to examination without the declaration of Michael Burch. It is requested that the Petition fee in the amount of \$130, and any extension fee which may be required, be charged to the Deposit Account of Dann Dorfman Herrell and Skillman No. 04-1406.

5. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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